ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides methods to detect *Bordetella pertussis* and/or *Bordetella parapertussis* in a biological sample. Primers and probes for the differential detection of *B. pertussis* and *B. parapertussis* are provided by the invention. Articles of manufacture

5   containing such primers and probes for detecting *B. pertussis* and/or *B. parapertussis* are further provided by the invention.

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